

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A clock stop detector for a memory comprising:
a first switch that closes in response to a first logic level of a clock signal to charge a capacitor;
a second switch that closes in response to a second logic level of the clock signal to discharge the capacitor; and
a logic circuit that outputs a control signal based on an inverted clock signal and a charge on the capacitor.
2. The clock stop detector of claim 1, wherein the first switch comprises a first transistor and the second switch comprises a second transistor.
3. The clock stop detector of claim 2, wherein the first transistor is a p-type metal-oxide semiconductor field effect transistor and the second transistor is an n-type metal-oxide semiconductor field effect transistor.
4. The clock stop detector of claim 1, wherein the logic circuit comprises a NOR gate.
5. The clock stop detector of claim 1, wherein the first logic level is a logic low logic level and the second logic level is a logic high logic level.
6. The clock stop detector of claim 1, further comprising:
a current source coupled to the second switch to discharge the capacitor if the second switch is closed.
7. The clock stop detector of claim 1, further comprising:
a power supply voltage coupled to the first switch to charge the capacitor if the first switch is closed.

8. The clock stop detector of claim 1, wherein the second switch is open if the first switch is closed and the first switch is open if the second switch is closed.
9. A memory comprising:
a clock stop detector configured to receive a clock signal and output a control signal in response to the clock signal; and
a peripheral circuit for reading and writing data to a memory bank,
wherein the peripheral circuit is configured to receive the control signal and activate and deactivate in response to the control signal.
10. The memory of claim 9, further comprising:
a clock receiver configured to receive an external clock signal and pass the clock signal to the clock stop detector.
11. The memory of claim 9, further comprising:
an address receiver configured to receive the control signal and activate and deactivate in response to the control signal.
12. The memory of claim 9, further comprising:
a command receiver configured to receive the control signal and activate and deactivate in response to the control signal.
13. The memory of claim 9, further comprising:
a data receiver and driver configured to receive the control signal and activate and deactivate in response to the control signal.
14. The memory of claim 9, wherein the clock stop detector comprises:
a first switch that closes in response to a first logic level of the clock signal to charge a capacitor;
a second switch that closes in response to a second logic level of the clock signal to discharge the capacitor; and

a logic circuit that outputs the control signal based on an inverted clock signal and a charge on the capacitor.

15. The memory of claim 14, wherein the first switch comprises a first transistor and the second switch comprises a second transistor.
16. The memory of claim 9, wherein the memory comprises a random access memory.
17. The memory of claim 9, wherein the memory comprises a dynamic random access memory.
18. The memory of claim 9, wherein the memory comprises a double data rate synchronous dynamic random access memory.
19. The memory of claim 9, wherein the memory comprises a mobile random access memory.
20. A clock stop detector for a memory comprising:
 - means for receiving a clock signal and an inverted clock signal;
 - means for charging a capacitor in response to a first logic level of the inverted clock signal;
 - means for discharging the capacitor in response to a second logic level of the inverted clock signal; and
 - means for providing a control signal based on the clock signal and a charge on the capacitor.
21. The clock stop detector of claim 20, further comprising:
 - means for providing the control signal to memory circuits to deactivate and activate the memory circuits in response to the control signal.
22. A method for detecting a stopped clock signal in a memory comprising:

receiving a clock signal and an inverted clock signal;
charging a capacitor in response to a first logic level of the inverted clock signal;
discharging the capacitor in response to a second logic level of the inverted clock signal; and
detecting a stopped clock signal based on the clock signal and a charge on the capacitor.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein charging the capacitor comprises closing a first switch to supply a voltage to the capacitor.
24. The method of claim 23, wherein the first switch comprises a transistor.
25. The method of claim 22, wherein discharging the capacitor comprises closing a second switch to sink a current from the capacitor.
26. The method of claim 25, wherein the second switch comprises a transistor.
27. The method of claim 25, further comprising:
providing a control signal in response to detecting the stopped clock signal.
28. The method of claim 27, further comprising:
deactivating a memory circuit in response to the control signal.
29. A portable electronic device comprising:
a controller configured to output a clock signal that starts and stops in response to user commands to a portable electronic device; and
a memory that receives the clock signal, the memory comprising:
a clock stop detector configured to output a clock stop signal in response to the clock signal;

a peripheral circuit configured to receive the clock stop signal and activate and deactivate in response to the clock stop signal; and

a memory bank configured to receive address signals, control signals, and data signals from the peripheral circuit for reading and writing data in the memory bank.

30. The portable electronic device of claim 29, wherein the clock stop detector comprises:

a first switch that closes in response to a first logic level of the clock signal to charge a capacitor;

a second switch that closes in response to a second logic level of the clock signal to discharge the capacitor; and

a logic circuit that outputs the clock stop signal based on an inverted clock signal and a charge on the capacitor.

31. The portable electronic device of claim 29, wherein the portable electronic device comprises one of a cellular telephone, a personal digital assistant, a music player, a game system, a digital camera, and a computer.